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II.

On November 6, 2008, the Department of Enforcement, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), issued an order barring Hitchcock from associating with any FINRA member for failure to respond to FINRA's requests for information and documents, and to provide on-the-record testimony. (Order)

As stated in the Order Hitchcock failed to respond to requests for information concern

As stated in the Order, Hitchcock failed to respond to requests for information concerning allegations that he may have misappropriated customer funds and recommended investments away from a firm during his employment with a FINRA member, Wachovia Securities, LLP. (Wachovia) The Order further states that Wachovia filed a U5 form indicating Hitchcock's employment was terminated for violation of firm policy. The U5 form noted that checks drawn on brokerage accounts for three different clients were credited to Hitchcock's loan or credit accounts, while the clients asserted that the funds were intended for investments away from the firm.

Hitchcock is, or was, at all relevant times herein associated with a California state registered investment advisor firm, Goldberg Advisers, LLC dba Capital Trust Advisers (CTA). CTA is a California Limited Liability company with its principal place of business located at 44 Montgomery Street, Suite 2100, San Francisco, California 94104. CTA has been licensed as a California state registered investment advisor since November 28, 2011; CRD #134174. According to CTA's website at http://captialtrustadvisors.com/page-layouts/about-us-layout-1, CTA manages client finances and offers services, including, "Investment Management/Asset Allocation," and "... a number of wealth management service to meet all of your needs...."

A screen shot of CTA's websites shows that Hitchcock represents and holds himself out as responsible "for market needs analysis and coordination of the advanced planning services" at CTA. Hitchcock is further described on CTA's website as "part of the firm's team of trusted advisors." As part of Hitchcock's duties at CTA, Hitchcock sets up monthly seminars where lead speakers discuss asset protection. Hitchcock receives a monthly fee for providing contact information of the attendees of the seminar to CTA.

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Hitchcock is, or was, at all relevant times herein associated with a California state registered investment advisor firm, Barth Calderon Attorneys, LLP (BarthCalderon), whose principal place of business is located at City Tower 333 City Blvd West, Suite 2050, Orange, California 92868. BarthCalderon has been registered as an investment advisor since January 23, 1998 and is licensed under the name Barth Financial Advisors, LLC, CRD #137324. BarthCalderon's website at http://www.barthattorneys.com/Why-Hire-Barth-Calderon-LLP.aspx describes the firm as "Asset Protection Attorneys," stating, "At Barth Calderon LLP, we are known both locally and nationally for our personalized representation style that is incorporated with a solid financial-planning approach and a focus on asset protection." A screen shot of BarthCalderon's website dated July 2, 2014 states that Hitchcock "holds responsibility for the business development efforts at BarthCalderon LLP."

Hitchcock is, or was, at all material times herein associated with HCS, an entity whose legal status is unknown. A screen shot of Hitchcock's linkedin.com website, http://www.linkedin.com/in/paulhitchcock dated June 19, 2014, describes Hitchcock's job title at HCS as "Advanced Planning", "July 2013-Present (1 year) San Francisco."

III.

Corporations Code Section 25232.1 provides, in pertinent part:

The commissioner may, after appropriate notice and opportunity for hearing, ... bar from any position of employment, management or control of any investment adviser, broker-dealer or commodity adviser, any officer, director, partner, employee of, or person performing similar functions for, an investment adviser, or any other person, if he or she finds that the ... bar is in the public interest and that the person ... is subject to any order specified in subdivision (d) of Section 25232.

Section 25232 subdivision (d) provides, in pertinent part:

The commissioner may, after appropriate notice and opportunity for hearing, by order censure, deny a certificate to, or suspend for a period not exceeding 12 months or revoke the certificate of, an investment adviser, if the commissioner finds that the censure, denial, suspension, or revocation is in the public interest and that the investment adviser, whether prior or subsequent to becoming such, or any partner, officer or director thereof or any person performing similar functions or any person directly or indirectly controlling the investment adviser, whether

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prior or subsequent to becoming such, or any employee of the investment adviser while so employed has done any of the following:

(d) Is or has been subject to (1) any order of the Securities and Exchange Commission or the securities administrator of any other state denying or revoking or suspending his or her registration as an investment adviser, or investment adviser representative, or as a broker or dealer or agent, (2) any order of any national securities association or national securities exchange (registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) suspending or expelling him or her from membership in that association or exchange or from association with any member thereof, or (3) any other order of the commission or any administrator, association, or exchange referred to in this subdivision which is or has been necessary for the protection of any investor.

IV.

Complainant finds that, by reason of the foregoing, Hitchcock is subject to an "... order of the commission, or any administrator, association, or exchange referred to in this subdivision which is or has been necessary for the protection of any investor." Based upon the foregoing, the Commissioner finds it is in the public interest that Hitchcock be barred from any position of employment, management or control of any investment adviser, broker-dealer or commodity adviser.

WHEREFORE, IT IS PRAYED that Paul Gerard Hitchcock be barred from any position of employment, management or control of any investment adviser, broker-dealer or commodity adviser pursuant to Corporations Code Sections 25232.1 and 25232 (d)(3).

Dated: August 14, 2014

Los Angeles, California

JAN LYNN OWEN

Commissioner of Business Oversight

By: ____

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